

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

February 13, 2013 to March 12, 2013

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT :**

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing an application from the City of Norfolk for the issuance of an individual permit (NAO-2012-0428-1) pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The permit addresses proposed impacts to jurisdictional Waters of the United States related to the maintenance dredging of the Lafayette River to the Edgewater Haven subdivision in the City of Norfolk. The proposed channel improvement will impact 4,355 feet of channel with a 30-foot width (at the toe). The requested maximum depth is -5 feet mean low water. The estimated dredge volume is 19,700 cubic yards and the project will impact 180,900 square feet (4.15 acres) of state-owned bottom land. The channels will be dredged mechanically and the material will be barged to the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) for disposal. The project proposes either disposal into the Rehandling Basin from the barge or a hydraulic pump out directly into the upper cells of the DMMA. The City of Norfolk has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed project consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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